

REMARKS

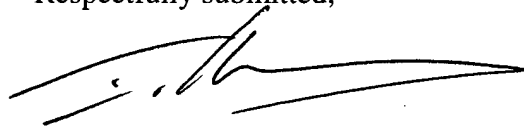
As set forth above, the applicants have elected Group II. The present amendment is intended to correct minor errors in the claims and to make more of the pending claims depend from claims listed within Group II. As noted above, claims 25-27, 32-39, 40-43 and 45-47 now depend directly or indirectly from claims listed in Group II. As also noted above, claim 1 is a linking claim, which must also be examined. Claim 44 has been cancelled without prejudice as being substantially similar to claim 4. Claims 45-47 have been amended to depend directly or indirectly from claim 4, and to correspond to the antecedent bases provided in claim 4. New claims 48 and 49 are similar to claims 2 and 3, but depend from claim 4.

Applicant respectfully requests a one-month extension of time; however, this conditional petition for an additional extension of time is being made in the event that the need for an additional extension has been overlooked. Accordingly, please charge \$128.00 (\$110.00 for the extension fee and \$18.00 for the fee for additional claims), as well as any additional fees that may be required for the timely consideration of this application, to deposit account number 19-4972.

For the reasons set forth in the previous response, it is submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the claims and a notice of allowance are therefore requested. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if any matters remain outstanding so that they may be resolved expeditiously.

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Respectfully submitted,

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